

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2374
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EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCILS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Export Promotion Councils working in the country;
- (b) the extent to which these EPCs are able to meet their objectives/target;
- (c) whether Government propose to restructure the functions of these EPCs; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY(SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) There are 20 Export Promotion Councils (EPCs) but of which 11 are under the administrative control of the Department of Commerce and 9 are under the administrative control of the Ministry of Textile. Their names are given in the annexed statement.

(b),(c)&(d) Globalisation and economic liberalisation have created new opportunities and challenges in the world markets. Adopting to these developments by Export Promotion Councils is important in order for them to retain their relevance to the national export effort. To induce commensurate responses to the rapid changes in the external economic environment, it is necessary that EPCs play a more meaningful role in the export effort through specialised and focussed attention. Rationalisation of election procedures is also considered necessary to ensure that real exporters have an effective say in the management of the EPCs. The ongoing initiative to restructure the EPC's seeks to address these concerns.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2374 FOR ANSWER ON 10.3.2000 REGARDING EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCILS

1. Electronics & Software Computer Export Promotion Council, New Delhi.
2. Engineering Export Promotion Council, Calcutta.
3. Shellac Export Promotion Council, Calcutta.
4. Council for Leather Exports, Chennai.
5. Basic Chemicals, Pharmaceutical & Cosmetics Export Promotion Council, Mumbai. 6. The Plastics & Lenoleums Export Promotion Council, Mumbai.
- 7 Chemicals & Allied Products Export Promotion Council, Calcutta.
8. Overseas Construction Council of India, New Delhi.
9. Gems & Jewellery Export Promotion Council, Mumbai. 10. Sports Goods Export Promotion Council, New Delhi. 11. Cashew Export Promotion Council, Cochin. 12. Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts, New Delhi. 13. The Indian Silk Export Promotion Council, Mumbai. 14. Powerloom Development and Export Promotion Council, Mumbai. 15. Wool & Woolens Export Promotion Council, New Delhi. 16. The Handloom Export Promotion Council, Chennai. 17. Carpet Export Promotion Council, New Delhi. 18. The Synthetic & Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Council, Mumbai. 19. The Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council, Mumbai. 20. Apparel Export Promotion Council, New Delhi.